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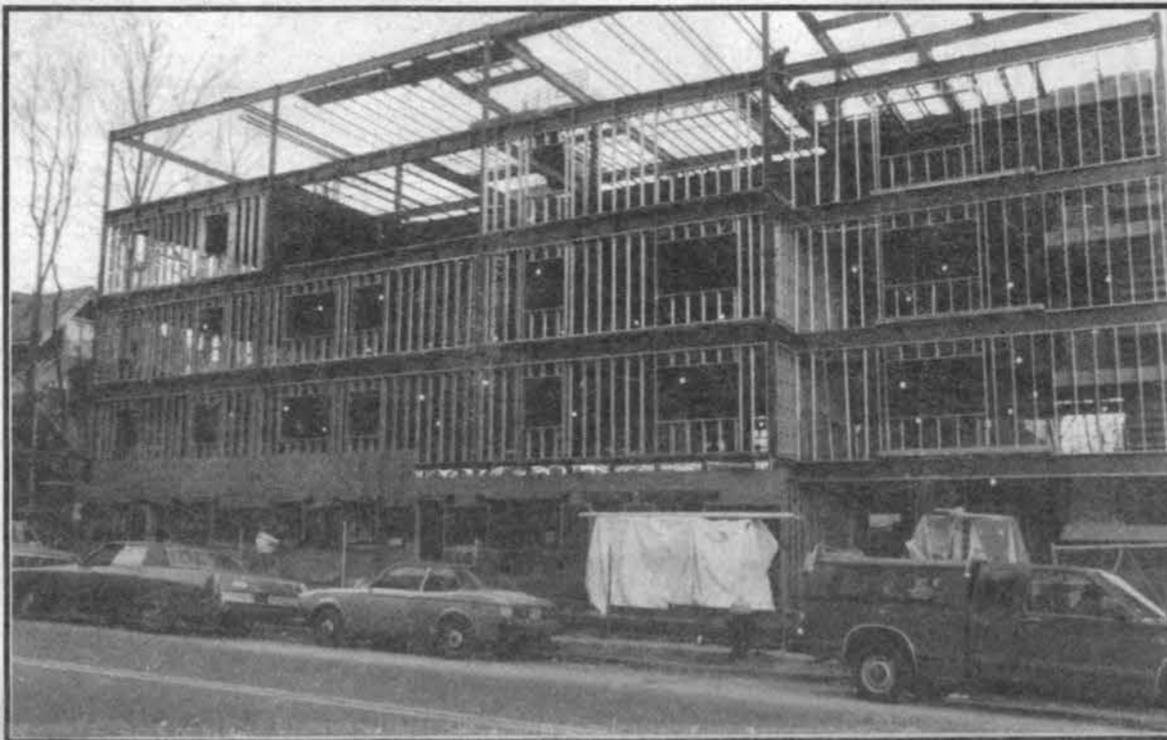
# The Overall Picture

By Joe Clements

Most local meetings tend to look at one specific issue or problem, but at the Brighton Allston Improvement Association's monthly gathering last Thursday night, the focus was far more diverse as the attendees discussed community goals for 1988. On hand for the forum in the District 14 Police Station Community Room were BAIA members, residents, elected officials and representatives from several city departments.

"It was a very ambitious agenda, but I thought we did well with it," BAIA President Margaret McNally said later. "I felt we covered a lot of ground."

Indeed, topics discussed in the three-hour session ranged from overdevelopment, parking, and traffic congestion to institutional expansion, police safety, street cleaning and parks improvements. At the start of the meeting, however, the group looked at a few singular issues, most notably the possibility that Newton may try to hold a concert at Boston College's Alumni Stadium next spring.



Continued on page 12 year, and some say similar development projects must be watched closely in 1988.

Derek Szabo photo

## CENTER STAGE



The Christmas tree in Brighton Center provides a festive focal point for the holiday season.

Derek Szabo photo

## Elko Street Condo Plan May Change

By Joe Clements

A developer of a planned condominium building on Elko Street in Brighton agreed Wednesday to consider several changes to his project. Following a meeting with about 20 neighborhood residents, Robert Karol of Brookline said he will ask his architects to address concerns expressed about density, parking, and height and will return to the community later this month with a revised plan.

"I want to do a nice job, one that the people around here can live with," Karol told the audience, which gathered in the Community Room at the District 14 Police Station. "I don't want to just bulldoze this [building] through."

Karol proposed a three-story, four-unit building on a parcel of land in

the rear of 16 Elko Street, an apartment building which he also owns. The new building, to be located on the site of a "carriage" house torn down several decades ago, would contain two one-bedroom units on the lower floor and a pair of two-bedroom units that would

make up the second and third floors. The smaller condominiums would sell for about \$100,000, while the two-bedrooms would cost \$145,000 to \$150,000.

Despite the relatively small size of the project, several

residents said they felt the surrounding area was too congested to support such a building. Others noted that Menlo Street, which abuts the rear of the 17,700-square-foot parcel, is on a downslope and said they fear the height of the building would be too

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—Developer Robert Karol

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# JOURNAL BRIEFS...

## Ward 21 Dems Set Activities

There's a busy schedule on tap next week for the Allston-Brighton Ward 21 Democratic Committee, starting with the group's regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 16th. That meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m., will be held at the Jackson/Mann Community School in Union Square.

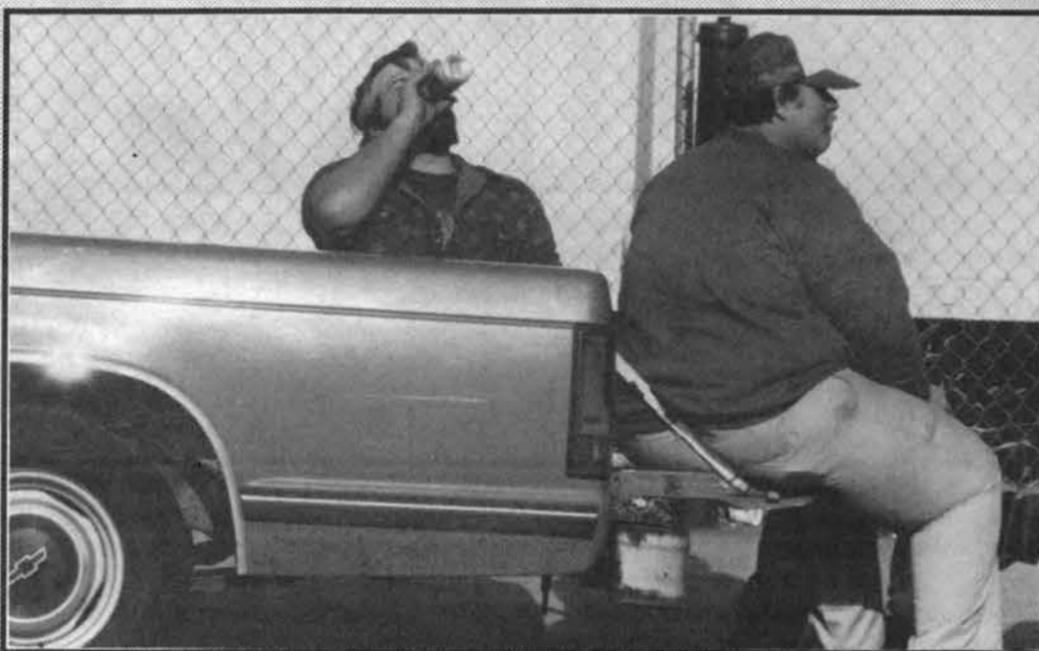
Two days later, the committee's Holiday Happening will be held at 8 p.m. at 60 Gordon Street in Allston. Features will include food, drink, music and politicians galore. A \$5 donation will be requested at the door.

## Discipline to Continue, Say BU Officials

Despite neighborhood concerns that Boston University is backing off its efforts to control students living off campus, school officials this week said they will continue to punish those who act disruptively. The issue was raised after school officials met this week with Boston Police Department representatives and several students, a meeting some said was called by BU student groups angered at the administration's hard line on problem students.

Joseph Amorosino, B.U.'s assistant director of community relations, admitted that students have attacked his efforts to quell neighborhood disturbances, stating, "the kids have been going after

### THREE-LEGGED LUNCH



As one worker enjoys a cold drink out in front of the Union Square condominium development, his partner appears to be one leg up on the competition. Derek Szabo photo

me since Day One." At the same time, he denied that Tuesday's session was forced by the students.

"No meeting was called because the students wanted a meeting," Amorosino said. "We run the university—not them."

Instead, Amorosino maintained that the meeting was held "to reaffirm what we are doing and to make sure it is working. And it is."

Captain Edward O'Neil, commander of the District 14 Police Station in Brighton Center, agreed with Amorosino. "The bottom line was that they are going to continue going after the troublemakers exactly the way they have been doing, and the police are going to keep doing exactly what we have been doing. If [students] break the law, we are going to lock

them up."

Still, some residents living in the South Allston neighborhood say they fear BU is becoming less responsive against rowdy behavior. Although Amorosino said he has received no complaints during the past 12 weeks, South Allston Neighborhood Association Co-chair Carol Wolfe charged there have been problems lately and said that BU is ignoring them.

"The fact that they're holding a secret meeting without input from the community is backsliding," Wolfe said. "They're cutting out the neighborhood... and to me that says they're saying to us, 'there is no problem, you're making it up, and we don't need to do anything about it.'"

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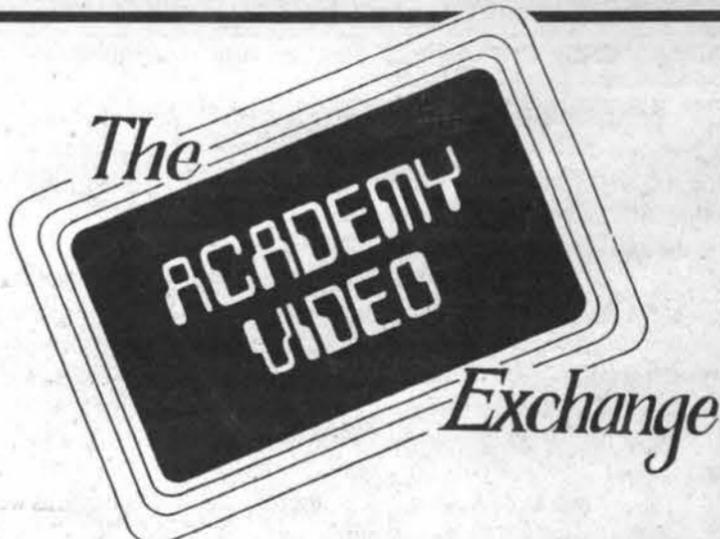
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Certain Circle, left to right: Purdy, Lora Nannery, Rob Condon, Jeff Boyd, Sondra Nannery and Laura Miller. Derek Szabo photos

# Certain Circle Band Biding Their Time

By Kendrick Gomez

They say patience is a virtue, and in the case of local rock band Certain Circle, that wisdom seems to ring true. For most groups, the trend is to hold a few practices and then head for the live audiences, but such was not the case for Certain Circle. According to bass player Purdy, the band spent six months rehearsing every night before hitting the stage earlier this summer.

"We decided that we weren't going to be seen or known until we felt we were ready," she explained recently. "We didn't want to rush ourselves."

So far, the approach has worked remarkably well. Not only has the band been well-received at Boston rock clubs such as the Channel and Allston's own Bunratty's, Certain Circle also captured the top spot in the local finals of the Seagram's Cooler Talent Search.

The Seagram's victory in September won the six-member troupe a small recording contract, \$1,000 in equipment, and a berth in the regional finals. Equally important was the recognition that beating out 15 other bands in the competition provided Certain Circle.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," said Purdy, who has been in the Boston music scene for well over a decade. "For a while, no one seemed to be

taking us seriously. Now they do."

"Publicity-wise, it was great," agreed Brighton's Jeff Boyd, the band's drummer. "It really helped us as far as getting things moving."

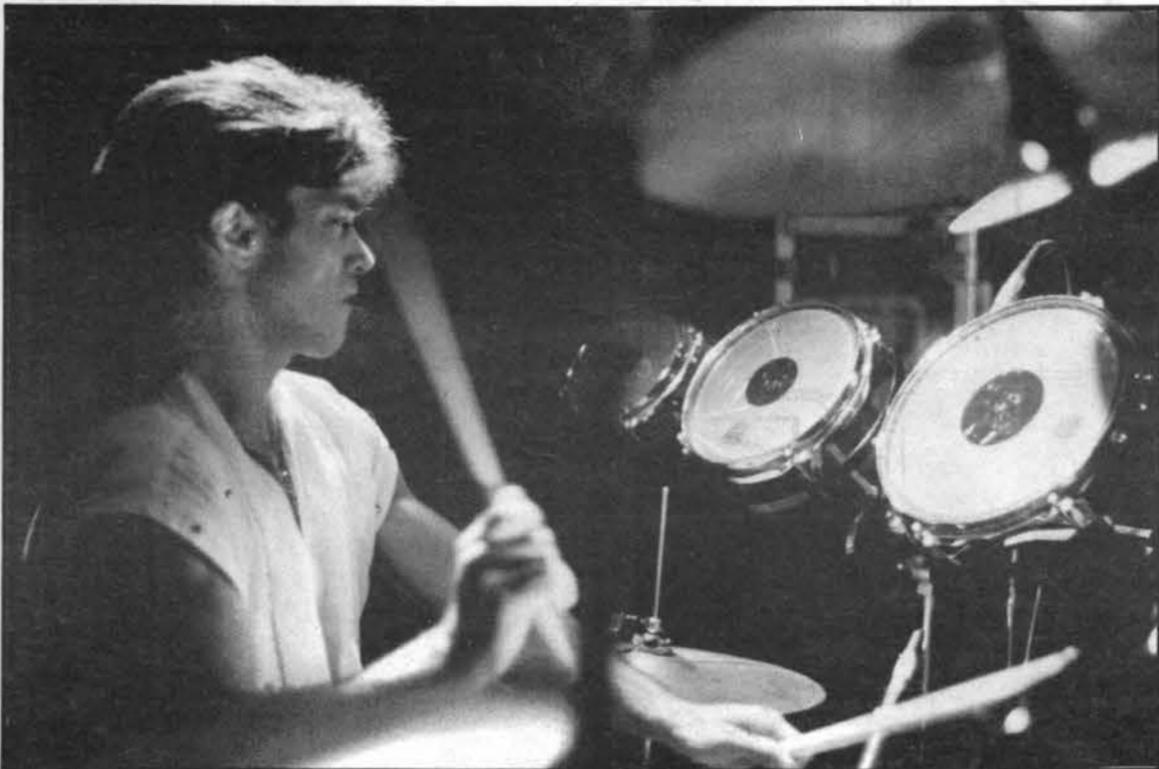
Certain Circle came together about a year ago, after Purdy, keyboardist Laura Miller, and lead singer Lora Nannery decided to break away from a Top 40 band they had played in for three years. Along with adding Nannery's sister, Sondra, for backup vocals, the group made major additions with the selection of Rob Condon for guitar and Boyd as drummer. Purdy said Boyd's experience and style complemented the other members' own talents.

"Jeff is very solid," Purdy said. "He's steady and really innovative, and that's what you need for a drummer. He's fit in well with what we want to do."

Likewise, the 27-year-old Boyd said the band has helped him as well. After his musical beginnings with bongo drums at the age of eight, Boyd began playing in clubs at 16. Since then, he has been in several groups, including the Runners, Drambuie, and the Force. But Certain Circle is the best he has played in so far, Boyd said, largely because all members believe in "the three D's:" discipline, determination, and desire.

"If you don't have those three behind you, you might as well hang it up," he said. "Everybody [in

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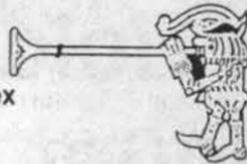


Brighton's Jeff Boyd: he's got the beat.

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# POLICE STORY...

## Herd Sought in Holdup of Liquor Store

Daniel J. Herd, the Arlington man suspected of several robberies in Allston-Brighton the past few weeks, was allegedly involved in another incident this past weekend. Police say they believe Herd held up Hurley's Liquor Store on Commonwealth Avenue Saturday night and made off with \$100 after threatening the manager.

According to the victim, a man identified as Herd entered the store shortly after 6:30 p.m., went behind the counter, and said, "You know who I am, don't ya? I need a hundred bucks. We can do this the hard way or the easy way. Give me the money or I'll blow somebody's head off."

At that point, the manager said, the suspect made a motion for his belt, prompting the victim to hand over \$100. The robber then left and climbed into a waiting cab, which drove him to an area later identified as Waverly and School Streets. A search of the location by police proved fruitless.

Herd, 30, has been sought locally since November when he was allegedly involved in the



holdup of a Commonwealth Avenue convenience store and a later robbery of a local woman. Police are also seeking the suspect in connection with the more holdups locally last week. He is described as being about 6' tall, with a slim build, moustache, and a missing front tooth.

Armed with a search warrant, members of the Boston Police Drug Unit entered a Brighton apartment last Monday evening and allegedly recovered a substantial quantity of an herbal substance believed to be marijuana. One man was arrested at the scene, while a warrant was issued for a second man.

Entry was made into the apartment, located in Everett Square, at about 10 p.m. Police say they seized a quantity of the herbal substance contained in two plastic bags, two plastic bottles, and various pieces of drug paraphanelia.

Arrested at the scene was Richard M. Dwyer Jr., 39, no address given. A warrant was issued for Steven Gaetz, 32, a resident of the apartment in question.

A 17-year-old Brighton High School student was robbed of a gold chain in the school corridor last Tuesday afternoon by a black male. The item was valued at \$170.

The victim told an officer at the school that he was approached from behind by the thief, who ripped the chain from his neck before fleeing out a back door. The suspect was described as being about 16-years-old, 5'7" tall, and with a thin build. He was wearing a red, waist-length down jacket and a black leather hat.

Police say the incident was the second one within a week occurring in that same manner, location, and time. The suspect's description was also similar.

A 70-year-old Brighton man was beaten and robbed on Washington Street in Brighton last Tuesday evening by three black males. The trio fled on foot towards the nearby Fidelis Way Housing Development.

According to the victim, the three approached him from behind at about 8 p.m., grabbed and punched him, and then took his wallet before running off. Taken was about \$40 in cash. One of the suspects was described as being about 16-years-old and 5'6" tall. The others were not described.

One Brighton man turned himself in and another was being sought in connection with two armed robberies in Allston-Brighton last Wednesday. Anthony P. Clark, 20, of Fidelis Way, voluntarily came to the District 14 Police Station in Brighton Center on Friday morning. Police are still looking for Julius Owens, 21, also of Fidelis Way.

Police say they believe Clark and Owens were involved in the holdups last week of the Huntington Market on Commonwealth Avenue and Gen's Superette on Brighton Avenue. Clark's surrender came following a police investigation.

Three men were arrested on Harvard Avenue in Allston last Tuesday evening and charged with possession of a Class 'B' substance (cocaine). Arrested were Walter A. Ceresi Sr., 44, and James M. Starr, 20, both of Fairview Street in Roslindale, and Troy E. Burks Jr., 27, of Ashford Street in Brighton.

According to police, Ceresi and Burks were seen acting suspicious in a motor vehicle parked on Harvard Avenue. Starr subsequently entered the automobile and, after reportedly spotting the police officers, the trio fled in their automobile towards Commonwealth Avenue. They were finally stopped nearby, at which time one of the officers allegedly spotted a clear plastic bag believed to contain the cocaine. The three men were taken to District 14.

Community Service Officer Joseph Parker reports there were 17 houses and 15 motor vehicles entered with articles taken in Allston-Brighton this past week. Parker also reports that there were 17 people arrested and charged with public drinking this past week.

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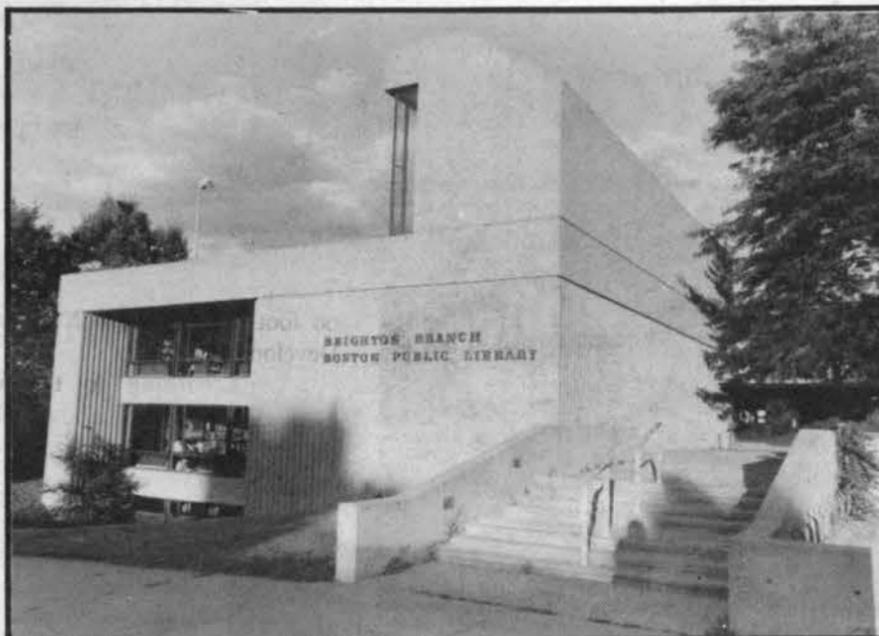
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# Meanwhile, at the Library...

Joann Rizzi of the Boston Children's Museum will discuss the museum next Tuesday, December 15th, at the Brighton Branch Library's weekly Parents Discussion Group. The program begins at 10:30 a.m., and all interested parents are invited to attend.

Also at 10:30 a.m. next Tuesday, the library's Story and Film Program for Young Children will feature the cartoon, Cold Blooded Penguin, and People Soup, a humorous look at



The Brighton Branch Library

experimenting in the kitchen. The film was made by Alan Arkin and features his two sons, Matthew and Adam.

After School Films and Stories for children continues next Thursday, December 17th, at 3:30 p.m. Featured as part of the library's holiday celebration will be the moving story of JT, whose life was changed when he adopted a helpless cat. All children are welcome.

The Individualized Library Instruction Program for young adults will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

The Brighton Branch Library is wheel-chair accessible from the parking lot side of the building. There is also a space in the lot reserved for those who have special license plates for the handicapped. All programs are free.

## Elko Street

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dominating with that taken into consideration.

"My father's house is directly behind there... and he is going to have a monstrosity hanging over his backyard," one woman said. "I think if the building is going to be brought forward, it should be situated in a different way."

Karol disputed the height problems, saying a fence and numerous trees would help keep the building in perspective. He did, however, agree to look at having the structure scaled down by about 10 feet.

Another issue involved the parking situation. Although the 11 spaces proposed meet guidelines recently imposed by the Interim Planning Overlay District, some said they still feared the project would exacerbate the neighborhood's on-street parking woes. Residents asked Karol to look at

increasing the available parking to as much as 16 spaces. While stating that doing so might mean a sacrifice of landscaped areas, Karol agreed to study that possibility as well.

Karol is seeking community input partly due to his need to obtain four variances from the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal. Among the code requirements the project violates are front yard setback, rear yard setback, and number of stories for the residential area. He is due to appear before the ZBA on January 5th, and tentatively agreed to meet with the neighborhood again on December 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Thus far, groups such as the Brighton Allston Improvement Association are waiting for a decision from the immediate abutters before taking a stand. The Planning Zoning Advisory Committee, which drew up the IPOD regulations, has already voted against the building, but Judith Bracken of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said the committee would likely reverse its stance if the abutters ultimately support Karol.

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# JOURNALVIEW...

## MOST MODERN MAN

# He Knows When You are Freezing...

*Ed. Note: During his recent fact-finding tour in Lapland, the Most Modern Man obtained an exclusive interview with the reclusive Santa Claus. Our intrepid correspondent traveled 300 kilometers north of Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland, and met up with several guides who were assigned to show the way.*

By Christopher Kenneally

HETTA, FINLAND—This is a very quiet place until someone turns on a snow scooter. In the cold air, the rattle of the engine sends out sound waves strong enough to knock a man to the ground. I had the hardest time even getting near my snow scooter, which was warming up on the edge of a frozen lake. What I needed was two-inch-thick studs on the soles of my boots.

The last reporters to see Santa Claus, a guide told me, was a group from Singapore. These people had never seen snow before. Apparently, none of them could walk a step before falling down. They didn't mind much, though; in fact, the Singaporese thought it was very funny and whenever someone abruptly assumed the horizontal, they all broke into fits of laughter. My guide recalled the incident with a trace of frustration.

"Two hours we were late getting there," he said, pronouncing his English words carefully, but arranging them haphazardly. "Santa Claus is already left for other meeting. The Singapore settled for just reindeer story."

The guide, Rune, has led snow-scooter "safaris" for more than 15 years. Before that, he worked as a reindeer herder. In that time, he has learned every lichen patch, stone and tree within 50 kilometers of his home.



He always knows where he is and can never get lost.

"When I see pine tree," he explained, "is like old friend."

"I feel the same way about the Deli King," I said.

"What kind of tree is that?" asked Rune.

In our group was Rune, his teenage son Anti, and an official representative from the Finnish government who was there to handle protocol. Anti and his father wore the same kind of fur hat, which had ear flaps that tied under the chin, giving the two the appearance of having lion's manes. The boy understood me when I spoke to him, but he never replied except by nodding or pointing or by some other gesture. Later I learned he asked the official, "Boston? Isn't that where Spenser is from?"

Whatever Anti may know about Boston based on "Spenser for Hire" was probably as garbled as what I knew about Lapland. The people there still live mostly by herding reindeer, but with all the modern appliances. Silver and orange space

suits have replaced the traditional garb, but like Rune and Anti, they still wear boots made of reindeer hide with the characteristic long curl at the toe.

In winter, the reindeer roam the countryside and if the weather gets very harsh, the herders will bring food out to them, as long as they know where they are.

"When I get back and people know I have been out here," Rune said at our campsite halfway to the destination, "they will ask if I have seen any reindeer. It is very helping to them to know."

Not long after we get back on the trail, Rune waved his arm to one side.

"Here has been reindeer!" he shouted.

I could see a patch of tracks, just barely darker than the surrounding snow. The wind suddenly picked up, though, and wiped them out like an eraser. We climbed up a mountainside in an ever-thickening cloud of dry snow that stung my cheeks. Pretty soon, I could hardly blink my eyes. My eyelashes were crusted with snow and nearly frozen shut.

"This is where we meet him," Rune said after we had stopped. "Here he comes now."

My visibility was down to inches at this point. I strained my eyes to see through the snow and thought I glimpsed the silver frames of a pair of glasses and the fuzzy pink of a nose. Then I heard an elderly voice speak in Finnish.

"He wants to know if we have seen reindeer," Rune translated. "I tell him about the tracks."

To make it easier to speak with Santa Claus, I unwrapped the scarf around my face. Rune gasped.

"I see some white," he said, pressing his finger against my cheekbone. "We cannot stay. Is danger of frostbite."

Visions of a Pulitzer suddenly vanished, covered like everything else in a swath of snow. I protested, but Rune was insistent.

"Santa Claus said he is very worried about you," Rune said.

Before I could argue any further, I was strapped to a sled and hauled quickly down the mountain. Rune's path meandered through the wilderness chaotically, yet he seemed as absolutely sure of where he was going as an Allston cab driver. At day's end—in Lapland, that's 3:30 in the afternoon—I asked him whether he carried a compass.

"I have one right here," Rune answered, patting the breast pocket on his silver space suit.

How beautiful—he had a compass in his heart!

Zipp!!

The breast pocket opened

"Is very good compass," Rune said, holding it to the lamplight at front of his scooter. "Is made in USA."

## LETTERS...

### Planned Pizza Parlor is Inappropriate

To the Editor:

The Mobil Gas Station (I still like to call it Murphy's Station) across from the District 14 Police Station in Brighton Center is not the right place for a pizza parlor. There are emergency vehicles that have to come and go as rapidly as possible, and we do not need a traffic jam blocking such vehicles.

Mr. Darveris, one of the new owners, is quoted as saying he is not concerned with the neighborhood's opposition. If he has no fear

of the neighbors, let him open a pizza parlor in his neighborhood in Belmont. I would think the neighbors should be first on his priority list.

What that land should be used for, I do not know, but a pizza parlor is not the answer. To me, that section of Brighton is like the "Gateway to the



The Gateway to pizza?...

Derek Szabo photo

Center" for people coming in from Cambridge Street. And a pizza parlor should not be at the gate.

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# SPORTS...

## ST. COL'S BASKETBALL

# Chieftains go on the Warpath

The 1987-88 basketball season gets into full swing for the St. Columbkille High School boys and girls basketball teams next week, as the boys open on Tuesday against Maimonides and the girls travel to Newton the following night for a 7:30 p.m. game. The boys' team kicks off a 17-game schedule with their contest, while the girls will embark on a 14-game campaign.

According to Michael Buckley, head coach of the boys team the upcoming year holds a lot of promise. Along with a core of veterans, Buckley and associate coach Charlie McCann will also be helped by a number of capable newcomers.

"We have a nice combination of talent because we have a fast team and a big team," Buckley told the *Journal* this week. "I think it's going to be an excellent season."

The Chieftains will attack the Catholic Suburban League with a fastbreak offense and a running, pressure defense, Buckley said. That, along with strength on the boards, could make the squad one of the toughest in recent memory.

Senior co-captains Steve Allen and Darin Gentile will head up the contingent of returning veterans. At 6'4", Allen provides a dominating presence on the court, while Gentile's offensive prowess should create many scoring opportunities.

Buckley is also impressed with players Peter Walsh, Chris Burke, Ezra Pattek, Patrick Ellis and Peter Kakridas. The backcourt features John and Don Moloney, Nino Gilarde and Frank Bolleti.

One interesting change in the league this year is the addition of the three-point shot. Buckley said he is excited about the new rule.

"I think it will tend to help our team because we have players capable of making the shot offensively, and we defend well out around the perimeter," he said. "We're definitely going to use it as a weapon."

The St. Columbkille junior varsity team is also expected to fare well this season, Buckley said. Several up-and-coming freshmen and



The 1987-88 St. Columbkille High girls basketball team, kneeling, left to right: Mary Pierre Louise, Farah Rosseau, Debbie McCarthy, Dawn MacMillan, Diane McCarthy and Tara Harris. Standing, left to right: Coach Joe Walsh, Eileen Tobin, Jenny Headville, Nadege Belizaire, Mary Jo Crowley, Maureen Tobin, Delicia Williamson and Julie Barry. Derek Szabo photo

sophomores make up the team, with Francis Kilgalle, Mario Salinas, Derek Randall, Mike Davin, Tony Lombardi, Charles Quinn, Scott Gillen, John Foynes, Paul McWhinney and Steve Kelley all expected to contribute. Many of the junior varsity members will see varsity time as well.

Buckley added that the addition of McCann to the coaching staff is another factor in the Chieftains' favor. "Charlie has a tremendous knowledge of basketball and is an excellent communicator on the skills of the game," Buckley said. "And he works well very with the kids—they've really taken a liking to him."

For the St. Columbkille girls, second-year coach Joe Walsh said he expects a much-improved club over the 1986-87 team. Thus far, Walsh said he is impressed with his players' attitudes in preparing for the season.

"They have shown some real desire to me," Walsh said. "Even if we don't win some of these games, I'm sure we'll be right in there all the way to the end... I'm very encouraged."

Eileen and Maureen Tobin and senior Mary Jo Crowley will provide St. Columbkille's with a strong rebounding frontcourt, Walsh

said, while defensive standout Julie Barry and Farrah Rousseau return to

shore up the backcourt.

Walsh said he is also optimistic about several freshmen who have joined up, including Tara Harris, Diana McCarthy, Dawn MacMillan and Delicia Williamson. In addition the coach said he is pleased with the aggressive play of sophomores Jenny Headville, Nadege Belizaire and Marie Pierre Louis.

St. Columbkille Athletic Director Leo Buckley, recovering at home from recent surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, said he thinks the school will fare well this year.

"We have a fine group of dedicated team players on both the boys and girls teams," said Buckley, who served 14 years as coach of the boys before becoming athletic director in 1974. "I'm sure they and their coaches will have successful seasons."

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12/18	8:00	Mission	
12/21	7:45	Newton-Catholic	JacksonMann
12/23	7:30	Sacred Heart	
12/28	7:30	Hudson Catholic	Jackson-Mann
12/30	7:30	North Cambridge	West End Club
1/4	7:45	Keith Academy	Jackson-Mann
1/10	8:00	St. Clement	
1/12	7:45	St. Patrick	Jackson-Mann
1/19	7:45	Misson	West End Club
1/21	8:00	Maimonides	
1/25	7:45	Sacred Heart	Jackson-Mann
1/29	8:00	North Cambridge	
2/3	8:00	Hudson Catholic	
2/6	8:00	St. Patrick	
2/8	7:45	St. Clement	Jackson-Mann
2/10	7:30	Keith Academy	
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The All-Brite Youth Hockey Mites continued their winning ways with a 6-2 victory over Parkway last week. Matt Moran scored four goals and teammates Steve Young and Carelton Quin added a goal apiece for the Mites. Meanwhile, Dennis Dwyer scored four goals and Joey Moran added two as the Pee Wees played to a 6-6 tie. Coach Mike Cashman also praised the play of Danny Casali, Eddie Kongas and Chris Alexander. The Pee Wees are now 1-3-1. The All-Brite Squirts moved to 3-3-1 as they skated to a 1-1 tie against Hyde Park. Brian Coyle scored the only goal for the locals, but Coach Curt Munzell also credited Jay Tedman, Mark Casali, Richard Harris and Micahel Boyle for their efforts. Joe Clements photo

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## Joey's Clinches First Place

By John Hoffman

Joey's Roadrunners of Brighton Center ran their record to 7-1 last Thursday night in the Allston-Brighton Athletic Committee Basketball League, as they downed Sennett's, 67-50, at Brighton High School gymnasium. The victory enabled Joey's to clinch first place with the regular season's best record.

The Roadrunners were led by Chris Jennings and Jim Merrigan, each with 24 points. Sennett's, badly undermanned without center Joe Mulligan, got a solid performance from Eric "Shades" Bean. Along with a game-high 30 points, he also pulled down 14 rebounds in the contest. The loss dropped Sennett's to fifth place in the league at 3-4.

Elsewhere last week, Crum & Forster moved into a tie for second place by upending Heartbreak Hill, 47-42, in a hard-fought battle. The Hill took the lead early behind the hot shooting of John Lenihan to lead at halftime by four points.

In the second half, however, Crum & Forster's Chris Steepok was unstoppable. Steepok, who finished with a game-high 28 points, had five three-pointers for his club. Lenihan wound up with 23 points in a losing effort. Both clubs now stand at 5-3.

The Hobart Harps fell to 0-8 on the season in their contest against French Lick, who improved to 4-4 with the 69-49 triumph. French Lick broke open a close game in the first few minutes by going on a 16-2 run that helped build their 34-21 halftime lead. In the second half, French Lick went up by as much as 26 points by converting several Harps turnovers into easy baskets. The winners were led by Ronnie Ware and Smokey Hoffman with 22 points each, while the Harps' Charlie Cedrone contributed 20 points for his club.

"Our man-to-man defense was just too much for them," said French Lick forward Bob Graham. "And our shots were falling—we really played a strong game overall."

## Koytikh Hot As WEH Ices Freeze

By John Hoffman

The West End House 16-and-under basketball team moved into a first-place tie in the Honan League last Friday night with a 38-37 overtime victory over Fidelis Freeze. The win came on the strength of an amazing 34-point performance by House star Victor Koytikh.

Despite Koytikh's effort, the House had all it could handle against the Freeze, who trailed for most of the contest but tied the game with eight seconds remaining on a jump shot by John Pinckney to send the game into the extra period.

Fidelis took the lead in overtime on a two-pointer by Darryl Turner before Koytikh regained the lead for the West End House for good with a three-point play.

The win put the West End House at 2-0, tying them for first place with the Faneuil Pride. Fidelis, who were led by Pinckney's 22 points, fell to 0-2.

In other Honan League action this past week, the Allston Boys got

their first win of the year with a 48-31 triumph over Oak Square. Jonathan Ace scored 22 points for the Allston Boys squad, who never trailed in the game.

"We did a good job on the boards and limited their shots," said Allston Coach Herman Williams. "They couldn't match up with us on the inside game—we scored a lot of points there."

The Oak Square effort was headlined by a fine 20-point performance by Vinnie Tenaglia. They now stand at 0-2.

On Tuesday night, Jerry Williams scored 18 points and added 10 rebounds to give the Freeze their first win of the season, 56-36, over the Allston Boys. Jonathan Ace scored a game-high 28 points for the Allston club.

In upcoming league action this Friday night, the Celtics will take on Oak Square at 5:30 p.m., while the battle of the undefeated teams at 6:30 p.m. pits Faneuil Pride against the West End House. Spectators are encouraged to attend all games.

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## Carol-Sing

Another in the fall series of "hymn sings" sponsored by the Allston-Brighton Clergy Association will take place this Sunday, December 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Baptist Church. The church is located at the corner of Cambridge and Gordon Streets in Allston. All are invited to come and sing their favorite Christmas carols, in preparation for Christmas.

## YMCA Christmas Party

The Allston-Brighton YMCA is holding its annual Christmas Party next Thursday, December 17th, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Brighton Knights of Columbus Hall. Proceeds will be used to help support childcare programs. Positive ID will be required. The evening includes a cash bar, disc jockey, and door prizes. All are welcome to attend. For ticket prices and more information, call the YMCA at 782-3535.

## New Year's Party

The Allston Knights of Columbus Chapter 555 and St. Anthony's Parish will hold a New Year's Eve party at the St. Anthony's School Hall in Allston. The party, which begins at 8 p.m., includes dancing, buffet, sweets table, hats and noisemakers, all for just \$10 per person. Tickets can be obtained by calling Laurie Carney at 254-5588 or Don Babbin at 254-1635.

## Vacation Day Camp

The Allston-Brighton YMCA, 435 Washington Street in Brighton, is holding a Christmas Vacation Day

Camp from December 28th to the 31st. Hours are all day from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., except for New Year's Eve day, which closes at 2 p.m. Ages six to 10 are accepted, but the program is limited to 30 children, with acceptance on a first-come, first-served basis. Activities planned include field trips, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor sports, swimming and much more. Two snacks are supplied daily, but children must bring their own lunch. For registration information, call 782-3535.

## Teens Unlimited

Teens Unlimited is holding a dinner/show on December 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson/Mann Community School in Union Square. All are welcome for a fun evening—donations are \$4. Allston-Brighton teenagers are invited to join Teens Unlimited's trips and council meetings at the school. Meetings are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. For information, call Hillary or Mark at 783-2770.

## Community counseling

If you need support to cope with difficult times, are having trouble dealing with everyday problems or relationships, or have noticed a change in your child's behavior lately, the Jackson/Mann Community School's counseling and psychotherapy service may be of use. Services are available on an individual, couples, or family basis, with evening hours available. Referrals to other agencies can also be made when appropriate. All services are free of charge and strictly confidential. Call Judith Schwartz, MSW, LICSW, to make an appointment. The phone number is 783-2770.

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## AND I WANT...



Samantha McFeters of Brighton was one of many local youngsters who got a chance to give Santa Claus a personal wish list at the Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church's Christmas Fair last Saturday. Derek Szabo photo

pizza they order.

## Senior Center

The Veronica B. Smith Senior Center made its move to the Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church at 404 Washington Street this week and will remain there several months while extensive renovations are being done at its permanent home at 20 Chestnut Hill Avenue. Regular programs will continue from the church, including a new drawing class that meets on Fridays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. No experience is needed. In addition, the Brighton YMCA is now holding a 45-minute class for seniors on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. The class includes a warm up, stretch, short aerobic section and a cool down to relaxing music in the pool. Call the center for more information at 254-6100.

## Join the Choir

Anyone interested in joining the choir at St. Columbkille is

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## Oak Square Tree Lighting

The Oak Square VFW Post 2022 and the Oak Square Civic Association are co-sponsoring the tree lighting at the Oak Square Commons on Monday, December 14th, starting at 6 p.m. Santa Claus, gifts, refreshments and more will be provided at the VFW after the ceremony.

## Senior Lunches

The Jackson/Mann Community School offers lunch for senior citizens at the school in Union Square, Allston, weekdays at noon. The fee is donations only. In addition, the

Jackson/Mann will hold a Christmas Party at the Teacher's Union near the Bayside Expo Center. Dinner includes roast beef or schrod; entertainment and dancing will be provided by the Jack d' Johns. Transportation is provided—the total fee is \$20. For more information, call Diane at 783-2770. Also, the Jackson/Mann will have a senior trip to the Wang Center to see the Nutcracker on December 28th at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10—call Diane for information.

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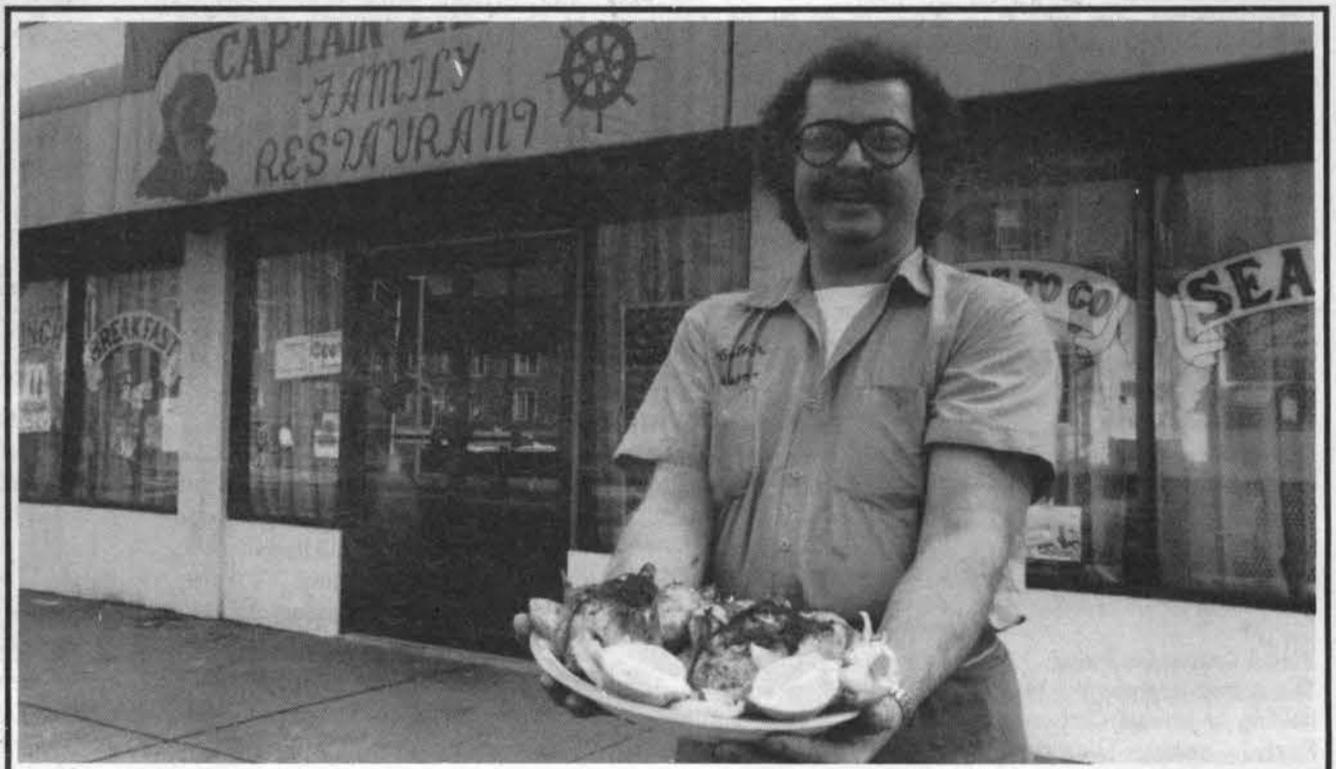
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Lora Nannery belts out a song, with bass player Purdy, left, and Rob Condon, right. Derek Szabo photo

## Certain Circle

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the band] has the same goals and works hard" toward achieving them.

With four female members in the band, Purdy said that some critics initially believe Certain

Circle can't have the vocal strength needed to make it in today's music world. But even though the group does play some soft pop, Purdy said its overall sound "is by no means lightweight music." One major reason is lead singer Nannery, whose voice can range from sultry to razor sharp. Nannery's talents are further benefited by the backup voices provided by the other band members.

The group is also helped by the fact that they concentrate on their own songs, tunes which they plan to package in an album in the near future. In fact, Purdy said Certain Circle will head to New York soon to showcase before several music producers there in pursuit of the album.

Among the band's most popular originals, Purdy said, is "Feel You," a straightforward, medium-type rock song about an alien who comes down to earth and falls in love with a woman. The song, inspired by the movie, *Starman*, was used by Certain Circle to win the Seagram's competition.

Another favorite is "All I Need," which centers around the idea that sometimes people are simply looking for a friend and not a lover. Purdy said the song "Please," an emotional rock ballad, has been successful because the range of feeling helps show off Nannery's voice.

Besides the planned trip to New York, Certain Circle will be looking to cut their record with Critique Records as part of their local Seagram's competition win, and will await the outcome of the regional contest. Moving on to the nationals would be a big step, Purdy said, noting that the Seagram's contest has helped propel such music stars as Bon Jovi and John Butcher Axis.

The band will also still play the local clubs, with an upcoming show at the Channel and most likely Bunratty's, where they headlined last week. The group also hopes to continue getting airplay on stations such as KISS 108, WBCN, and WFNX.

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# BAIA

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Following testimony from Marion Alford, a BAIA member and president of the LUCK Neighborhood Association, the BAIA board voted overwhelmingly to oppose any such concert. Newton officials, who want the concert as part of the city's 300th anniversary celebration, say they are negotiating with the school about holding the event, although no set agreement has been reached.

Alford noted that Boston College promised that a Polaroid Corp. anniversary concert held this summer would be the last such event at the stadium.

"I'm very disappointed that BC would even be discussing this," Alford said. "Before you know it, we'll be into a summer of functions."

By the time discussion on the 1988 agenda began, over 50 people had crowded into the meeting room. District 19 Rep. William Galvin, one of the first to speak, praised the BAIA for its initiative in arranging the forum.

Galvin said he feels Allston-Brighton has made progress in the past few years, such as stemming the tide of new liquor licenses, but added that much more needs to be done. For instance, he said residents should call on the city to provide new trees for the neighborhood and to increase youth recreation services.

"We now have to look forward," Galvin said. "I think it's time for us to start comparing our services to the communities surrounding us" and to demand similar amenities.

On the issue of youth services, District 18 Rep. Kevin Honan told the group that he is working with the Jackson/Mann Community School to possibly begin a "satellite" program at the Edison School near Brighton Center.

"The people do not feel there is an adequate place in that area for their kids to go to, and they are right," Honan said. "We need to do something to provide a constructive environment where perhaps youth counseling and educational counseling can be offered, as well as job counseling."



Resident parking should be more widespread in Cleveland Circle, some attendees at last week's BAIA meeting told city transportation officials. Derek Szabo photo

Honan, who also called for sidewalk reconstruction on Harvard Ave. and enforcement against illegal overcrowding of apartments, said he thought the BAIA meeting helped outline issues important to residents.

"The forum provided an opportunity to listen to the major concerns of a diverse group of Allston-Brighton activists," Honan said. "I think it was also enlightening for the city department officials to hear the level of concern that exists in Allston-Brighton for our community. Hopefully, that information will help to better deliver services to our neighborhood."

A major issue covered was parking. Joseph Feiner of the Circle Reservoir Community Association complained that the city has not adequately enforced violators of the Cleveland Circle resident parking program, and noted that the program does not cover as much area as needed. BAIA member David O'Connor criticized Dist. 11 Rep. Eleanor Myerson, who was also on hand, for continuing to support Brookline's overnight ban of on-street parking.

A Brookline committee is currently looking at relaxing the ban.

Myerson, a Brookline resident who recently took over several Cleveland Circle precincts, has said several times that she opposes changes in the ban. But although Myerson said she is "not absolutely certain" that large numbers of Brookline motorists park their vehicles in Allston-Brighton, she did state that she feels the restrictions cause problems for both communities.

"You say [the ban] has been a problem in Brookline for many years, but it has not," countered O'Connor. "It has been a problem in Brighton, which your residents use to park in."

Also raised at the meeting was the ongoing issue of whether the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals should be restructured. For years, many residents have complained that the ZBA does not have enough community representation because it is made up of industry interests, such as a member from the architectural industry, the building trades, etc.

When asked whether a community person could be placed on the board, Galvin said it could if a home rule petition were passed in the legislature. He and the remainder of the legislative contingent on hand, including State Sen. Michael Barrett,

indicated that they would support such a petition. McNally also praised the idea.

"Right now it's all geared to the building" industry, McNally said. "We feel there should be community people as well to offset the power circle."

A representative from each city department was invited to last week's meeting, and those who appeared were Pat Jones from the Transportation Department; Judith Bracken from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Paul McCaffrey from the Parks and Recreation Department; Joseph Casazza from the Public Works Department; Jane Greene from the Boston Redevelopment Authority; and Orysia Stanek from the Public Facilities Department.

Overall, McNally said she was pleased with the response from most city and elected officials attending, but added that the BAIA will hold a meeting in May to follow up on the promises made last week.

"I don't know what kind of response we will get, but we will keep on top of it," McNally said. "We do expect results."

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